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Subject: Written public comment from Mikiko Huang for today's Commission meeting

Mikiko Huang's written comment.

As an active library patron, past Chair of the board of Friends of SF Public Library (SFPL) and one who continues to work on behalf of community, I want to wholeheartedly support the Library Preservation Fund (LPF) ballot initiative.

Stable funding has resulted in the transformative evolution of SFPL into a nationally recognized urban public library that offers ever-expanding services to the community, including during this unprecedented COVID era. Continued stable funding is critical for this to be maintained. That's why I support LPF ballot initiative.

Community members benefit greatly from SFPL being the most well-funded and secure library system in the US. Since 1994, the LPF has been a voter-approved funding formula that makes up over 90% of the SFPL operating budget. The formula was renewed in 2007.

The ballot initiative would extend renewal of the LPF for an additional 25 years and increase the guaranteed minimum service hours at the SFPL from 1211 to 1400 hours will help children, students, adults of all ages with continued and sustained free access to many resources: book collections, technology, WiFi and educational programs and other opportunities for the community. The 174% increase in SFPL's budget has benefited the community at its many responsive neighborhood branches. It is truly a democratic institution.

In summary, I wholeheartedly support the LPF ballot initiative.

**Thank you,
Mikiko Huang**